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REMARKS

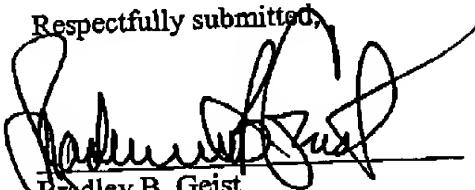
Only claim 1, the method claim, remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,332,306 (Turatti). All remaining claims 2-9 are allowed, and for that the Applicant is very grateful. But with regard to claim 1, the Applicant continues to be of the view that Turatti fails to disclose, teach or suggest a device or method whereby the direction of activation is dependent on two voltage lines and a third confirmatory control line. In Turatti, the voltage is adjusted depending on the velocity signal. No confirmation control signal is used to influence the voltage or the direction of activation. This is because in Turatti, only the locking action is actively blocked in response to the velocity signal. Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner point out where in Turatti there is a disclosure of the claimed limitation "said method requiring at least three lines to the actuating means, namely two voltage supply lines and a control line". Turatti's voltage output lines are shown as 16a and 16b. These are arguably the same as the Applicant's voltage output lines 14 and 28. But any similarity between Turatti and the Applicant's claimed invention ends. Turatti does not show any control line such as control line 54 (via relay and switch 50, 52) as show in Figure 1 of the pending application. While Figure 5 in the Turatti reference is said to be a "control circuit", it is quite apparent from the Turatti specification at col. 4, lines 34 et seq that the "control circuit" does not function as a confirmatory control line on which the direction of activation is dependent. It is clear from Turatti's Figure 5 that winding 7 is activated solely by the influence of the velocity detector on the voltage output lines 16a and 16b. Hence, the direction of activation is only determined by voltage lines and not by an additional control line. If amending claim 1 to recite that the control line is a

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"confirmatory control line" would be deemed helpful in overcoming the pending rejection, it is quite possible such an amendment would be acceptable to the Applicant.

Applicant's attorney would be grateful if Examiner Leykin would call after studying the aforesaid remarks which in Applicant's opinion should result in the allowance of the pending claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,



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